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SUBJ: TUCSA PESSIMISM ABOUT CHANCES OF OBTAINING ASSISTANCE

FROM BRITISH TUC PROVIDES UNITED STATES WITH OPPORTUNITY
TO HELP RESTORE MORALE BY RESTATING & STRENGTHENING
SUPPORT FOR ENLIGHTENED EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

1. TUCSA GENERAL SECRETARY ARTHUR GROBBELAAR HAS ADVISED REGIONAL LABOR OFFICER THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF OBTAINING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE FROM BRITISH TUC AND ITS EUROPEAN ASSOCIATES AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO DEPEND FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE ALMOST ENTIRELY UPON THEIR OWN VERY LIMITED RESOURCES TO CARRY ON THEIR MULTIRACIAL EDUCATION AND ORGANIZING PROGRAMS.

2. GROBBELAAR, WHO SPEND SEVERAL WEEKS IN EUROPE DURING JUNE & JULY, EXPLAINED THAT WIDE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON HOW TO DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICA HAVE PERSISTED WITHIN TUC DESPITE EVERYTHING
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THAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE TUC DELEGATION VISITED COUNTRY LAST OCTOBER

HE ALSO CHARGED ANTI-TUCSA TRADE UNION AND STUDENT ELEMENTS WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA WITH AIDING AND ABETTING TUCSA'S ENEMIES WITHIN TUC & EUROPEAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE.

3. TUCSA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT REPORT ON FOREGOING BLEAK PROSPECTS FOR EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AT ORGANIZATION'S 20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 23-27 IN PORT ELIZABETH.

4. COMMENT: THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS ALREADY PUBLICIZED RELATIVELY ENLIGHTENED ROLE WHICH SOME U.S.-OWNED FIRMS HAVE BEEN PLAYING ON SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRIAL SCENE COULD GIVE STRUGGLING CAUSE OF GENUINE MULTI-RACIAL TRADE UNIONISM BIG BOOST IF IT WERE TO APPROVE RECENTLY SUBMITTED DRAFT STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES OF U.S. FIRMS IN SOUTH AFRICA IN TIME FOR PRESENTATION AT FORTHCOMING TUCSA CONFERENCE.
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